IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



71 (0)

Hirotaka ISHII et al.

Title:

FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION DEVICE EQUIPPED WITH A

USER RECORDING DEVICE

Appl. No.:

09/450,757

Filing Date: 11/30/1999

Examiner:

Unassigned

Art Unit:

2721

RECEIVED

MAR 2 2 2002

Technology Center 2600

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents **Box PATENT APPLICATION** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of a document known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. McNamara

Attorney for Applicant

Registration No. 32,789

March 20, 2002

Date

FOLEY & LARDNER

Customer Number: 22428

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Telephone:

:

(202) 672-5416

Facsimile:

(202) 672-5399

-2-